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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a lack of uniformity in the higher education policy of the country;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up an Independent Regulatory Authority for Higher Education (IRAHE) and a National Commission for Higher Education to ensure uniformity in higher education as reported in the Times of India dated June 1, 2007;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the role that would be assigned to the Commission for Higher Education; and

(f) the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): Separate Statutory Professional Councils have been established for various Professional discipline to maintain the standard of education in respective discipline.

(d) to (f): A proposal to set up ' National Commission on Higher Education', as the independent regulatory authority, was formulated for inter-departmental consultation. However, the proposal is being reformulated in the light of the observations of various stake-holders, involved.